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Kumbalimutt et al.

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MANAGEMENT MODEL AND  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003, please amend this application as set forth hereinbelow. Reconsideration of this application and indication of the allowability of all claims currently pending therein in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully solicited.

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